

D2 25. The process according to claim 23, wherein said dicarboxylic acid-functionalized material has a number average molecular weight of from about 3,100 to about 4,200.

Please add the following new claims:

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D3 43. The process according to claim 23, wherein said dihydroxyl-functionalized material has a number average molecular weight of up to about three times greater than the molecular weight of said dicarboxylic acid-functionalized material.

44. The process according to claim 23, wherein said dihydroxyl-functionalized material has a number average molecular weight from about 2.7 to about 3.0 times greater than the molecular weight of said dicarboxylic acid-functionalized material.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendments. The attached pages are captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Claims 23-42 are pending in this application. Claims 29, 30, 32, 33 and 38-42 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 23 and 25 have been amended. New Claims 43 and 44 have been added.

Claim 23 has been amended by deleting "having a molecular weight not more than about three times greater than the molecular weight of said dicarboxylic acid-functionalized material." Applicants have amended Claim 23 to more particularly define that which they regard to be the invention. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection to Claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 132 and the rejection of claims 23-28, 31 and 34-37 under